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musical pleasure to countless millions of nameless, faceless people of all colors, kinds and creeds over the 25-years that she's been listed as a recording artist on Atlantic Records. She's also had her share of million selling albums and singles, plus the public acclaim and popularity that goes along with an artist having a string of certified gold

hit records. In spite of her enviable track record as a super talented recording artist, from a public standpoint-of-view her career has been viewed as one that runs hot and cold. Of course we totally disagree, because we list Roberta Flack as another one of our all-time favorite female artists.

However, public opinion of a recording artist seems to be

NEW YORK - Jazz singer Phyllis Hyman, who received a Tony nomination for her role in Broadway's "Sophisticated Ladies," has been found dead in her Manhattan apartment, an apparent suicide, police said.

with any consistency they regard

the artists career as being hot!!!

And when they don't hear their

consistently over the airwaves,

they feel that their career is cold!!!

"whatever happened to the

This poses the question,

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records being

The 45-year-old darling of the jazz circuit was found lying face up on her bed by her assistant. Lennice Malina, about 2:30 p.m. EDT Friday, a police spokesman said

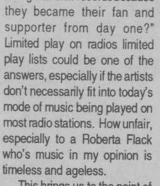
Hyman was rushed to Roosevelt Hospital where doctors pronounced her dead at 3:50 p.m. EDT, police said.

"Several vials of pills and a note were found near her body that could be related to her death," police Det. Dwight Cunningham said. He would not divulge the contents of the note.

Police are investigating the possible suicide, he said.

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This brings us to the point of informing all true Roberta Flack music lovers wherever you are,

that this talented performer has a new CD album on the market under the title "Roberta Flack." and all fifteen tunes on this album sung in the inimitable style of

The album's opening track of Al Green's signature recording "Let's Stay Together" takes on another meaning ala Roberta Flack, and each song following the opener moves and grooves. weaving a musical spell that keeps one pushing the repeat button on their CD player to hear (See Ebony Etchings, Page 13)

## Singer Phyllis Hyman Found Dead



PHYLLIS HYMAN Born in Philadelphia, Hyman was a 1981 Tony nominee for her role as Etta in "Sophisticated

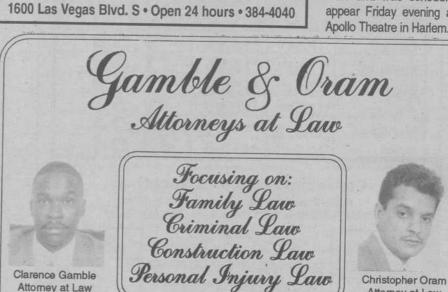


Ladies." She also appeared in the Broadway production of "Dreamgirls" and in several films including "Lenny", "School

Daze", and "The Doorman." She appeared on the television special "A Celebration of Life; A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr". Her albums include "Living All Alone", "Prime of My Life", and "It Takes Style".

She performed frequently in Greenwich Village at the Blue Note and was scheduled to appear Friday evening at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem.

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